

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An ink-jet printing apparatus according to the
present invention has a main tank storing ink, a sub-
tank releasably connectable with the main tank through
an ink supply passage and a printing head for ejecting
ink supplied from the sub-tank, for performing printing
by ejecting ink from the printing head to a printing
medium. The apparatus includes an ink supply controller
10 for supplying ink from the main tank to the sub-tank
through the ink supply passage during a period after
completion of printing at a preceding time and before
starting printing at a next time, and an ink draining
controller for performing ink draining of at least a
15 part of ink remaining in the sub-tank during the period
after completion of printing at the preceding time and
before starting printing at the next time and in advance
of ink supply by the ink supply controller.

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